

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
FORT WORTH DIVISION

RICK MORRIS, ET AL.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

No. 4:23-cv-01221-P

**ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO TAX AND TRADE
BUREAU, ET AL.,**

Defendants.

ORDER

Before the Court is Plaintiffs' Motion for a Preliminary Injunction (ECF No. 17).

Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65, "[b]efore or after beginning the hearing on a motion for preliminary injunction, the court may advance the trial on the merits and consolidate it with the hearing." FED. R. CIV. P. 65.

Having reviewed the Parties' briefs, their joint status report, the record in this case, and applicable law, the Court concludes that no issues of fact have been presented for trial, nor would any be developed during ordinary discovery. The Court will therefore advance this case to a determination on the merits.

Accordingly, the Court **ORDERS** the Parties to file written objections, if any, to its advancement of this case to the merits **on or before April 4, 2024**.

SO ORDERED on this **28th day of March 2024**.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark T. Pittman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Pittman" clearly legible. The middle initial "T." is written in a smaller, more compact style between the first and last names.

Mark T. Pittman
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE